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1. On the right bank of the Volga River, about 75 km above Kuibyshev (53°12'N/50°09'E) there was an oil field opposite Stavropol (43°31'N/49°20'E) and near the small village of Yablunka a few kilometers west of Odvashnoye. The oil field was 1 km wide and about 35 to 40 km long, and its narrow side adjoined the river. The center of the oil field, built up densely with derricks, covered only a few square kilometers. Other drilling sites were widely scattered.
2. This oil field was an old one which, however, was exploited fully only after the war. At the close of the war eight wooden derricks, 30 to 35 meters high, stood on the oil field. About 10 to 12 derricks were counted in 1946, about 35 in 1947, about 50 in 1948, and as many as 75 or 80 in 1949. Drilling operations were being continued. A very small number of the drilling and producing derricks in operation in May 1948 were old wooden structures, 25 to 35 meters high; most of these derricks were up-to-date steel structures of varying heights, mostly 25 to 30 meters. *
3. The wells were connected to several groups of tanks by numerous branch pipe lines. Some of these branch pipe lines, after passing through these tanks, ran into tankers lying alongside a wharf in the river, while others ran into a large twin pipe line going to Kuibyshev and Jyzran. The pipe line system was operated by a pumping station with intermediate stations. The number of tanks in the oil field proper increased from 4-6 to about 18-20. Their diameter was generally stated to be 20 meters, but estimates of their height ranged between 10 and 15 meters. At the end of the pipe line at the river were both the filling stations for the tankers and about 15 storage tanks with a capacity of 1,500 metric tons and over.
4. On the edge of the field was an oil-filtering plant with a gasoline-separating and cleaning installation for the oil field's own requirements, a boiler and engine house with six oil-burning boilers, a power station with a transformer plant, a repair plant with various auxiliary shops, and the central pump station. A power station, designed to supply the entire area with electric current, had been under construction since 1946. Some heavy Diesel generators had already been erected in May 1948 and turbines had just been supplied. They obviously were dismantled German goods. Nine or ten tanks had already been erected on the premises of the new power plant. The pumping plant and the pumping equipment were mostly of American origin. The oil field had a well-paved road connection, but no railroad connection. A railroad connection, however, was allegedly planned.

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5. The Yablonka oil field was said to be one of the richest fields in the area around the Volga bend near Kuibyshev. Crude oil extracted there is considered as high-grade, and its gasoline content was said to be remarkably high. The maximum drilling depth was said to be 2,500 meters. The average drilling depth was between 500 and 600 meters. Gushers occurred at a good many drilling sites at depths as small as 100 meters and less, frequently even after drilling only a few meters. The number of self-flowing wells was estimated at about 25 to 30. Deeper wells were exploited by means of pumps. No information is available on the total yield, but a daily average of at least 3,000 metric tons was said to be shipped by tank cars and tankers. The quantities pumped through the large long-distance pipe lines must be added to this amount. When the Volga was not ice-bound, one to three tankers daily called at the wharves on the river.
6. About 2,000 to 2,500 P.S. and 300 to 1,200 Russians worked in three shifts at this oil field.

* Comment. A producing derrick (doordertuin) is a derrick over a producing well.

1 Annex: Map of Yablonka Oil Field

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